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Durham Hosts E-Waste Recycling & Paper Shredding Event

Live Christmas Trees Will Be Accepted at Free and Convenient Event;

Open to All Durham Residents and Businesses

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents and businesses looking for an easy and free way to recycle electronic waste, shred confidential documents, and dispose of live Christmas trees should attend the City of Durham E-Waste Recycling & Paper Shredding Event next month.

The event will be on Saturday, January 16, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the visitor side of the [Durham County Memorial Stadium](#), located at 750 Stadium Dr. Event staff will be on hand to unload old electronics, paper, and Christmas trees. Hard plastic toys as well as plastic and metal lawn furniture may also be dropped off for recycling.

The event, sponsored by the [City of Durham Solid Waste Management Department](#), [Sonoco Recycling](#), [Shimar Recycling](#), [Synergy Recycling](#), and [Durham County Government](#), will accept nearly all electronic devices with a cord, including:

- Computers, laptops, keyboards, mice, printers, monitors, speakers, copiers, scanners, circuit boards, hard drives, computer parts, etc.
- Televisions, stereo equipment, tape players, receivers, amplifiers, record players, etc.
- Kitchen electronics, such as microwaves, mixers, blenders, choppers, etc.
- Telephones, cell phones, and fax machines
- Hair dryers, curling irons, alarm clocks, and vacuum cleaners
- Power tools, cordless tools, etc.
- Electronic toys, such as keyboards and video game systems
- This event will **not** accept large appliances, refrigerators, air conditioners, or any other appliances that contain Freon.

Confidential paper shredding will also be provided on site. Requirements for shredding include:

- Paper may contain paper clips and staples; however, hanging file folders will not be accepted.
- Only paper should be brought for shredding. CDs, DVDs, and other non-paper items will not be accepted.
- All paper should be loose and not in binders or other binding items made of non-paper.
- Residents may be present to observe their confidential document shredding if the amount to be shredded can fit into one 96-gallon roll cart (approximately 240 pounds of material or approximately eight small, banker boxes of material).
- Participants with larger quantities will have items placed in boxes to be shredded off-site at Shimar Recycling's secure facility.

Requirements for live Christmas tree disposal:

- Trees taller than six feet should be cut in half.
- Remove all decorations and hardware, including tinsel, lights, garland, ornaments, nails, and stands.
- Do not place trees in bags.

Residents who can't make this event can still safely and conveniently recycle their old electronics at the City's [Waste Disposal and Recycling Center](#), located at 2115 E. Club Blvd. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Live Christmas trees will be accepted at the facility at no charge until February 6. Trees delivered after February 6 will be subject to the usual disposal fees.

For information about items accepted at this event or the City's recycling facilities, contact [Durham One Call](#) at (919) 560-1200 or visit the City's Solid Waste Management Department [Web page](#).

About the City of Durham Solid Waste Management Department

The [Solid Waste Management Department](#) promotes and supports a high quality of life for the residents of Durham by providing comprehensive, responsive, environmentally-safe, efficient, and cost-effective solid waste collection, recycling, and disposal programs. Department services include roll-out cart collection, cart delivery and repair service, cardboard collection, yard waste

collection, waste reduction and recycling, bulky item pick-up, and disposal services. The departmental supports the City's [Strategic Plan](#) by providing professional management that contributes to creating thriving, livable neighborhoods as well as an innovative and high-performing organization.

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